**STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUS**

The privilege of students to ride a school bus is conditioned upon their good behavior and observance of the following rules and regulations. A student who violates any of these rules or regulations will be reported by the driver to the principal for necessary corrective action.

1. The driver is in charge of the students and will assign seats.
2. Be on time. Be visible at your bus stop. Never stand in the road while waiting for the bus.
3. Students shall ride their assigned bus only. For an emergency that necessitates riding a different bus, you must bring a note from the parent or guardian to receive a bus pass from the school office.
4. Always cross in front of the bus and at a safe distance in front of the bus. Cross only on driver’s signal.
5. Do not run toward or run across the street in front of a school bus while it is in motion.
6. Students shall board the bus and immediately take a seat, and remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion.
7. The following activities are prohibited at all times:
   1. Improper behavior (insolence, vulgarity, foul language, fighting, pushing or similar offenses)
   2. Smoking on the bus
   3. Eating or drinking on the bus
   4. Possessing knives or sharp objects
   5. Throwing articles in or from the bus
   6. Tampering with controls of the bus
   7. Placing articles at the door by the driver
   8. Obstructing the aisle in any manner
   9. Occupying more space in a seat than required
   10. Littering the bus
   11. Opening or closing windows without permission
8. Students are expected to do the following at all times:
   1. Stay seated (back to back of seat, bottom to bottom of seat)
   2. Face forward
   3. Show respect to others
   4. Keep the noise level down
   5. Keep hands, feet and objects to themselves
   6. Keep hands off windows

**Consequences:**

* Major offenses will result in an automatic suspension from bus for a minimum of one week for first offense. Second offense will result in longer suspension. Third offense will result in loss of riding privilege for the year.
  + Fighting
  + Threatening behavior
  + Throwing items out of bus
  + Smoking
  + Vandalism (\*restitution must be made to the school before privileges are restored)
* Other offenses that cause the driver to be distracted will have the following consequences:
  + First Offense - Assigned seat and parent conference
  + Second Offense – Suspended from bus for one week
  + Third Offense – Suspended from bus for two weeks
  + Fourth Offense – Suspended from bus for one month
  + Fifth Offense – Loss of bus riding privilege for the year.

**Our number one priority is to get students to and from school safely. Please help us to keep your child safe by talking to them about the importance of proper behavior on the bus that would lead to less distractions for the driver.**